

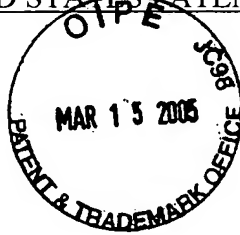
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For: TRANSMITTER-RECEIVER FOR ELECTRONIC MAIL THAT PROVIDES
CONVENIENCE TO A USER RECEIVING MAIL SERVICES FROM VARIOUS MAIL
SERVICE PROVIDERS AT DIFFERENT TERMINALS AND DIFFERENT PLACES

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date but before the mail date of an Official Action therein and within three months of a foreign application search report which first cites the enclosed references. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), which states that

An information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant within any one of the following time periods: ...

(3) Before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits;

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It is respectfully submitted that the present Statement is timely filed and should be considered by the Examiner.

The non-English language references provided herewith were cited during examination of a corresponding foreign application. The Official Action (mailed February 1, 2005), and an English language translation of the same ("Notice of Reasons for Rejection"), are provided.

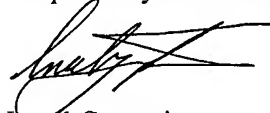
It is believed that said Notice identifies the relevance of the references cited therein to the claims.

Of the five Japanese references cited in said Notice, four are provided herein with English language Abstracts. A fifth, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H8-149219, is believed to be an equivalent of U.S. patent 5,790,803. Therefore, applicants provide the '803 reference instead.

Applicants additionally provide herewith three additional Japanese references, specifically Laid-Open Patent Publication Nos. 59-85176; 5-274229; and 3-289255. In order to identify the relevance of these references, applicants provide full English language translations of the first two references, and US patent 5,510,829 corresponding to the third.

Having thus complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, it is respectfully submitted that consideration of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is in order and the same is courteously requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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